Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising ghrelin or its derivative and an aqueous solution which dissolves the ghrelin, wherein the pH of the aqueous solution dissolving the ghrelins is from 2 to 7.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said pH is from 3 to 6.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claims 1 or 2, further comprising a pH adjuster or a buffer agent.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein the pH adjuster is hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, boric acid, carbonic acid, bicarbonic acid, gluconic acid, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, aqueous ammonia, citric acid, monoethanolamine, lactic acid, acetic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulfonic acid, malic acid, propionic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, a salt thereof or mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein the buffer agent is glycine, acetic acid, citric acid, boric acid, phthalic acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, carbonic acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, the salt thereof, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein the concentration of the pH adjuster or the buffer agent in the solution is in the range of from 0.01 mM to 1000 mM.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the solution is buffer solution.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7, wherein the buffer solution is glycine hydrochloride buffer, acetate buffer, citrate buffer, lactate buffer,

phosphate buffer, citric acid-phosphate buffer, phosphate-acetate-borate buffer or phthalate buffer or mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the ghrelins in the solution is in the range of 0.03 nmol/mL to 6 μmol/mL.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the ghrelins is acetic acid salt.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the ghrelins is human ghrelin.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, further comprising an anti-adsorbent.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12, wherein the concentration of the anti-adsorbent is in the range of from 0.001% to 5%.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the anti-adsorbent is a surfactant.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the ghrelins of claim 1 in the form of a dried powder obtained from a solution.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 15, wherein the powder is a lyophilized powder.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) A method for preventing degradation of a hydrophobic group of ghrelin or its derivative in a solution comprising the ghrelin or its derivative ~~ghrelins which method comprises~~ comprising adjusting the pH of the solution in the range of from 2 to 7.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said pH of the solution is adjusted to 3 to 6.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 17 or 18, further comprising a pH adjuster or a buffer agent.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 19, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the pH adjuster ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ is hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, boric acid, carbonic acid, bicarbonic acid, gluconic acid, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, aqueous ammonia, citric acid, monoethanolamine, lactic acid, acetic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulfonic acid, malic acid, propionic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, a salt thereof ~~and~~ or mixtures thereof.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 19, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the buffer agent ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ is glycin, acetic acid, citric acid, boric acid, phthalic acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, carbonic acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide the salt thereof, ~~and~~ or mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein the concentration of the pH adjuster or the buffer agent in the solution is in the range of 0.01 mM to 1000 mM.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the solution is buffer solution.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein the buffer solution is glycine hydrochloride buffer, acetate buffer, citrate buffer, lactate buffer, phosphate buffer, citric acid-phosphate buffer, phosphate-acetate-borate buffer, phthalate buffer, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein the concentration of the ghrelin ~~ghrelins~~ in the solution is in the range of from 0.03nmol/mL to 6μmol/mL.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein the ghrelin ~~ghrelins~~ is an acetic acid salt.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein the ghrelin ~~ghrelins~~ is a human ghrelin.